NAM and South-South dialogue

1651. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the core areas of multilateral cooperation in economic aspects between NAM and South-South Dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): NAM has focussed, *inter alia* on the following core areas of North-South multilateral economic cooperation for recovery and development in the world economy and the attainment of the New International Economic Order:

(a) Money and Finance including external debt.

(b) Trade.

(c) Commodities.

(d) Science and Technology.

(e) Economic recovery of Africa and economic assistance to Front-line States.

Core areas of South-South cooperation in NAM and the Group of 77 towards the attainment of collective self-reliance of the South are, *inter alia;*

(i) Science and technology including new and high technologies; technical cooperation & consultancy.

(ii) Trade and commodities.

(iii) Monetary and financial arrangements.

(iv) Research and information networks.

(v) Food and agriculture.

Activities of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations

1652. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major highlights of activities of significance the Indian Council of Cultural Relations planned for the next two years with reference to Latin American, East European and Far Eastern regions, if any; and

(b) the revisions in programme cover up and thrust for the coming Festivals of India in view of experiences gained in U.S.A. and France?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Major highlights of activities of significance planned by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations for the next two years for the East European, Latin American and Far Eastern regions are annexed.

[*See* appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 81].

As the detailed plan of Action for the Council is prepared on an annual basis, most of these activities, with the exception of the Festival of India in USSR and the Festival of USSR in India, are restricted to the financial year 1987-88.

(b) The thrust in the Festival of India in USSR is to depict the traditional culture of India together with its contemporary advancement and projection of Indo-Soviet links devoted to the 40th Anniversary of India's Independence and the 70th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution of USSR. In addition, programmes relating to Youth and Sports have been added.

Assistance to International Organisations

1653. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the non-UNO inter-Governmental agencies/organisation of which India is a member; and

(b) the contributions made by India, financial and professional, to such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected